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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES AND MISCELLANEOUS BIO

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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES. PRESS MAY 5 CARRIED LIST OF 400 REGISTERED CANDIDATES (ONLY ONE FOR EACH ELECTORAL DISTRICT, OF COURSE) FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 30 (REF A). ACCORDING TO PRESS, 272 CANDIDATES ARE MEMBERS OF BCP, 100 OF AGRARIAN UNION AND 28 ARE TECHNICALLY UNAFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTY THOUGH 17 ARE MEMBERS OF KOMSOMOL. FURTHER BREAKDOWN SPECIFIES 105 CANDIDATES WORK IN MATERIAL PRODUCTION, 295 ARE PARTY, STATE, PUBLIC, AND CULTURAL WORKERS, 79 ARE WOMEN, 33 ARE OF UP TO 30 YEARS OF AGE, AND 75 ARE OVER 60 YEARS OLD. ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY COUNT, 114 OF 154 BCP CC MEMBERS ARE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES, WHILE ONLY 37 OF 121 CANDIDATE MEMBERS OF CC MADE THE GRADE ALONG WITH 22 OF THE 109-MEMBER BCP CONTROL-REVISION COMMITTEE.

2. ALSO ACCORDING TO EMBASSY SURVEY, 55 MINISTERS OR DEPUTY MINISTERS ARE CANDIDATES. ALL FULL MINISTERS
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WITH EXCEPTION OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE IVAN NEDEV

ARE ON LIST. ALTHOUGH CONSTITUTION STIPULATES MINISTER
NEED NOT BE MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, NEDEV'S DISTINCTION MAY
BE OMINOUS FOR HIS FUTURE AS MINISTER, DESPITE HIS
HAVING BEEN REELECTED TO BCP CC AT ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS.
FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ANDREY LUKANOV,
HOWEVER, IS ONE OF ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES AND HE WAS ELEVATED
TO CC CANDIDATE MEMBERSHIP AT CONGRESS.

3. AS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS RUBBER STAMP FOR DECISIONS AND
POLICY ALREADY MADE BY BCP, ITS MAKE-UP AND ITS FACADE
OF REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY, INCLUDING
ALLEGEDLY NON-BCP ORGANIZATIONS, ARE UNIMPORTANT. ACCORDING
TO FATHERLAND FRONT PROPAGANDA, 50,069 MEETINGS INVOLVING
3,107,000 PEOPLE WERE HELD TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS AND TO
REGISTER CANDIDATES FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS
PEOPLE'S COUNCILS AND JUDICIAL POSITIONS THAT WILL BE
FILLED DURING SAME ELECTION. ALSO ACCORDING TO THE FRONT,
DURING PROCESS OF CONSIDERATION, SOME NOMINATIONS WERE
WITHDRAWN. IN ANY CASE NONE OF THE REGISTERED CANDIDATES
NEED WORRY ABOUT ELECTION.

4. PRESS LISTING OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES GIVES
FULL NAMES, PARTY AFFILIATION, AND MAJOR POSITION HELD,
WHICH ASSISTS GREATLY IN IDENTIFYING SOME INDIVIDUALS,
E.G. WHICH DIMITUR DIMITROV IS THE FULL MEMBER OF CC
AND WHICH THE CANDIDATE MEMBER. EMBASSY IS TRANSLATING
COMPLETE LIST AND WILL SEND COPIES TO DEPARTMENT.

5. NEW BLAGOEVGRAD BCP FIRST SECRETARY. AT A
BLAGOEVGRAD OKRUG BCP PLENUM MAY 7, PETUR DYULGEROV,
RECENTLY NAMED EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF RABOTNICHESKO DELO
(REF. B), WAS REPLACED AS OKRUG BCP FIRST SECRETARY BY
IVAN SAKAREV, A CANDIDATE MEMBER OF BCP CC AND
PREVIOUSLY A SECRETARY OF THE OKRUG BCP COMMITTEE.
THIS APPARENTLY IS FINAL RIPPLE RESULTING FROM GEORGI
BOKOV'S DISMISSAL AS MEMBER OF BCP CC SECRETARIAT.

6. NEW AMBASSADOR TO GDR. APPOINTMENT OF FORMER BCP
CC SECRETARY PENYU KIRATSOV TO BE AMBASSADOR TO GDR WAS
ANNOUNCED IN PRESS MAY 9, CONFIRMING RUMOR REPORTED
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